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CONSIDERATIONS on the State of the *Britiſh* Trade, &c.

From **Tueſday**, November 17. to **Thurſday**, November 19. 1713.

IT is ſcarce poſſible to leave this Argument of the French Trade, without laying before the People of Great Britain ſome View of what a Trade we ſhould have had thither if the Trade had been opened: This is to be done at preſent by only letting them ſee, what a Trade we have had this laſt Year, while labouring under unſufferable Duties in France, equal in many caſes to a Prohibition; a Trade, in which our Manufactures are, as it may be ſaid, entirely ſhut out, and ſeveral of our other Goods ſo excluded, that it is a wonder, we ſhould ſend any of them at all: Yet under all theſe Diſcouragements, while we may be ſaid to have little more than the Tithe of a Trade, the Shadow or Sketch of a Trade, a Trade in Miniature, juſt enough to gueſs by it, what it would be, if the Fetters and Shackles of the French Duties were but once taken off; even then, under all theſe Diſcouragements, the World may ſee what has been done.

The following is an Account of ſome of our Exportations to France for the laſt Year. How Trifling it is to what would have been, had the high Duties in France been taken off, *as by the Treaty is to be done* from our Fiſh, our Sugars, our Woollen Manufactures, our Leather, Pewter, Wrought Braſs and Iron, and the Monopoly of a Farm off of our Tobacco, and the like, any one is left to conſider what it would have been.

It is called but ſome of our Exportations, becauſe no Account from Scotland is Entred here, or for ſeveral Ports of England, where the Accounts are not come in.

Exported to France *from* Michaelmas 1712, *to* Michaelmas 1713.

	Allom	35 Ton 14 C.
	Apoth. Ware	13 0 q. 7 l.
	Beef and Pork 278 Barrels	56 1
	Beer and Pale Ale	37 Ton 1 hd. 34 gall.
	Books	7 C. 2 q. 7 l.
	Braſs wrought	18 — 7
	Butter	1662 Firk.
	Candles	69 dozen pound
	Cheeſe	686 C. 1 19
	Coals per ſmall Chald.	5534 Chald.
	Cordage	48 C. 3 0
Corn Voc.	Barley and Big	Quart. 8279 7/8
Corn Voc.	Beans and Peaſe	3354 3/8
Corn Voc.	Flower	789 1/2
Corn Voc.	Malt	12933 7/8
Corn Voc.	Oats	10846 1/2
Corn Voc.	Oatmeal	855 1/4
Corn Voc.	Rye	5532 1/8
Corn Voc.	Wheat	62682 1/8
Fiſh Voc.	Cod per Tale	6000
Fiſh Voc.	Ditto per Weight	2 C 3 5
Fiſh Voc.	Red Herrings	1401 Bar.
Fiſh Voc.	White Ditto	140
	Glaſs and Earthen Ware per ps	63532
	Glue	145 C.
	Horſes	312
	Haberdaſhery	8 C 1 21
	Wrought Iron	121 3
	Nails	43
	Lanthorn Leaves	69000
	Lead and Shot	1193 Fodd. 1 C. 1 q. 13 l.
	Letharge	370 C
	Leather Tann'd	130 C. 3 27
	Ditto Wrought	29
	Oxen	192
	Pewter	49 C. 1 14
	Block Tin	805 1 4
	Thrown Silk per pound	1232 l.
	Wrought Silk	160 l.
	Soap hard	31 C. 3 15
	Ditto ſoft	24 Bar. 1/2
	Starch	17 C. 3 0
Stones voc	Hilling	605000
Stones voc	Slate	30000
Stones voc	Emery	1 Ton
Stones voc	Grinding Stones	13 Chald.
	Bees-Wax	25 C. 1 0
	Tobacco-Pipes	595 Groce
Woollen Goods Vocat	Hats	32 doz. 9
Woollen Goods Vocat	Fuſtians per ps	11
Woollen Goods Vocat	Waiſtcoats	1
Woollen Goods Vocat	Apparel Bales	10
Woollen Goods Vocat	Garments	366
Woollen Goods Vocat	Suits	159
Woollen Goods Vocat	Bodice	7 pr
Woollen Goods Vocat	Bays double	10 ps
Woollen Goods Vocat	Ditto ſingle	8
Woollen Goods Vocat	Cloth broad	11
Woollen Goods Vocat	Ditto long	1
Woollen Goods Vocat	Ditto ſhort	10
Woollen Goods Vocat	Ditto Spaniſh	74
Woollen Goods Vocat	Remnants per weight	50 l.
Woollen Goods Vocat	Goads, Cotton	883
Woollen Goods Vocat	Yards Flannel	16531 Kerſies

Woollen Goods &c.	Kerſies	44 Ps
	Double Dozens	21
	Single Ditto	14
	Perpets and Sergets per l.	1220
	Stuffs and Says	13335
	Stuffs with Silks	60
	Hoſe Mens Worſted	162 doz. 10 pair
	Ditto Woollen	7
	Goods ad Valorem	6166 l. 4 s. 9 d.

Foreign Goods.

Callicoes per Piece	102
Canes per Tale	4098
Elephants Teeth	5 C. 1 qr. 13 l.
Gauls	134 1
Pepper	45554 l.
Tobacco	2,354850 l.
Sugar brown	2652 C. 2 qr. 27 l.
Ditto refin'd	11
Iron	10 Ton
Oil	23 Ton 2 Hhds
Madder Crop	37 C. — qr. — l.
Courants	183 2 11
Raiſins Solis	385 3 8
Rice	175 1 18
Pitch and Tar	2 Laſt
Shumack	88 C.
Smalts	474 l.
Brazilletto	40 C.
Fuſtick	10
Logwood	1938
Mohair and Grogram Yarn	1103 l.
Canary	4 Ton 1 Hhd. 38 Gal.
Sherry	1
Deals by Tale	1500
Pipe Staves	1975
Succads	463 l.
India wrought Silk	142 l.
Almonds	3 C. 2 qr. 14 l.
Anniſeeds	6 1 14
Eſtrige Feathers	110 l.
Hemp rough	7 C.
Gold Watch	One

Beſides large Quantities of Drugs, Skins, Sider, Gloves, Ox-Bones, Horns, and Hair, Parchment, Saddels, Hard Wax, Coach-Harneſs, Bellows, Bacon, &c.

Beſides the Value of theſe Goods, it is to be obſerved, that the Corn, which is above 10000 Laſt, accounting 10 Quarter to a Laſt, and each Laſt to be but One Ton of Freight, which is much too little, with 5514 Chaldron of Coles, the Stones and Lead make above 20000 Ton of Freight, reckoning each Chaldron of Coal, London Meaſure, to be a Ton and half:

Beſides all the Tobacco, Sugar, heavy Goods, and bulky Goods, and heavy Goods and in the reſt of this Account:

Beſides alſo 67685 Quarter of Corn ſhipped the ſame Year, under the general Heads of Flanders, the Streights, &c. which it may be proved went to France, and eſpecially to St. Sebaſtian's, which, as it is within 3 Leagues of the French Coaſt, was all that while in the Hands of the French Power, whither 17620 Quarter of Wheat was Exported.

It ſeems very hard and unfair, that even from the Cuſtom-Houſe it ſelf, no juſt Eſtimate can be made of the Trade; but that it ſhall be ſo carried on in Maſquerade by the Merchants, that the Nation it ſelf do not ſee, what they are doing; and, as appears, Men are made willing to throw away the beſt Branches of their Commerce, for want of knowing, what they really are.

There is no doubt, but if a true Account could be made of what Britiſh Goods have been ſhipped to France, or have actually gone to France this Year, they would appear to be much more than double what is here Entred.

Our Merchants forſooth were afraid to Enter their Corn to France, for fear of being ſaid to carry away our Corn; Our Bullocks muſt not be ſent to France, for fear we ſhould raiſe the Mob upon us for want of Beef, and yet for fear of being over-run with our own breed, we Prohibit Iriſh Cattle; and to encourage the Exportation of Corn, which is clear Gain to the Nation, a Bounty is given to the Exporter of 5s. a Quarter.

Such unacquainted People are we in Matters, which ſo nearly Concern the Common Good of our Country; and from this Ignorance it comes to paſs, that thoſe who Oppoſe the French Trade upon other Deſigns, prevail by their Clamour ſo much upon the Common People.

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